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SUMMARY: CHAU DOC AND VINH BINH PROVINCES BRACE FOR AN
ANTICIPATED JUNE VC/ NVA HIGHPOINT PRECEDING A " REAL "
CEASEFIRE. NVA PERSONNEL ARE ALLEGEDLY REPLACING DISTRICT LEVEL
VC CADRE IN CHUONG THIEN. THE CHIEF OF A VULNERABLE KIEN
GIANG DISTRICT, BORDERING CAMBODIA, REPORTS INCREASED LOCAL
SECURITY SINCE THE CEASEFIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. SECURITY SITUATION: MR IV REPORTED 56 VC/ NVA INITIATED
INCIDENTS MAY 31, COMPARED TO ONLY 29 THE PREVIOUS DAY. OF
THESE, FIVE WERE GROUND ASSAULTS, 38 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 12
HARASSMENTS, AND ONE ACT OF TERRORISM. CHUONG THIEN SUFFERED
18 INCIDENTS, INCLUDING 16 ATTACKS BY FIRE. GOVERNMENT
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FORCES LOST 20 KILLED, 88 WOUNDED, AND SEVEN MISSING, WHILE CLAIMING 48 VC/ NVA DEAD AND THREE CAPTURED.

2. VC ACTIVITIES: (A) SOURCES FROM TWO PROVINCES REPORT EXPECTED VC/ NVA HIGHPOINTS IN EARLY JUNE. THE CHAU DOC SECTOR S-2 ANTICIPATES A HIGHPOINT JUNE 5 PRECEDING A " REAL" CEASEFIRE. SIMILAR INTELLIGENCE HAS SURFACED IN VINH BINH. THE AMERICAN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE THERE REPORTS THE VC ARE TALKING ABOUT A REAL CEASEFIRE TAKING EFFECT JUNE 6. UNTIL THEN THE VC SAY THEY ARE DETERMINED TO WIN BACK ALL TERRITORY LOST AFTER JANUARY 28. THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF EXPECTS A HIGHPOINT BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND 10. HE FEELS THAT THE VC D-3 REGIMENT FROM VINH LONG MAY SUPPORT LOCAL VINH BINH UNITS.

(B) AN AMERICAN- EMPLOYED VIETNAMESE THREE- MAN PACIFICATION AND ATTITUDES ANALYSIS SURVEY (PAAS) TEAM INTERVIEWED REFUGEES FROM VINH THUAN DONG VILLAGE IN DUC LONG DISTRICT OF CHUONG THIEN. THE TEAM REPORTED THAT NVA PERSONNEL ARE NOW FILLING DISTRICT LEVEL CADRE POSITIONS FORMERLY HELD BY VC CADRE. VILLAGERS SAID THE NVA HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP BOTH TO ASSURE MORE ACTIVE INCUMBENTS IN THESE POSITIONS AND BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE LOCAL CADRE, WHO WERE EITHER KILLED BY GVN FORCES IN OPERATIONS OR NEUTRALIZED UNDER THE PHUNG HOANG PROGRAM. THE NEW VC CADRE ARE ALLEGEDLY REORGANIZING EX FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THEIR AREAS.

3. SELECTED PROVINCE COMMENT: MAJOR TRUONG PHUOC HIEP, CHIEF OF HA TIEN DISTRICT, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, TOLD A VICE CONSUL MAY 30 THAT SECURITY IN HIS DISTRICT IS BETTER THAN BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE. HA TIEN, WEDGED BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THE GULF OF THAILAND, IS THE WESTERNMOST DISTRICT OF THE DELTA AND VULNERABLE TO INVASION FROM
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